



Scope of Practice Statement approved by council 2012

The following statements were approved by the Board of Trustees of the College of Podiatry on 15 June 2012, and the Council of The Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists on 6 July 2012.

1. The College of Podiatry takes the view that the use by podiatrists of botox for the purposes of facial aesthetics falls outside the recognised scope of podiatric practice. Whilst the College acknowledges the legitimate use of botox by podiatrists for treatments relating to the foot and associated structures, in line with current evidence, it does not support the use of botox for the purposes of facial aesthetics by podiatrists. Members who choose to undertake the use of facial botox treatments, if qualified to do so, should do so in a capacity other than that of a podiatrist. Such members will have no redress to the Society for support should their practice be brought into question or a claim be brought against them.
2. The College of Podiatry has endorsed the following statement relating to the prescribing of medicines by podiatrists: "The College of Podiatry/Society of Chiropodists & Podiatrists agree that it is necessary to direct those members who are engaged in the practice of prescribing of medicines to ensure that they concern themselves only with those medicines which are relevant to the treatment of disorders affecting the foot and associated structures, in line with current practice and consistent with published professional guidance". Should a Prescriber prescribe in a capacity other than that of a podiatrist they will have no redress to the Society for support should that practice be brought into question or a claim be brought against them.

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